

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Civil Air Patrol for
its contributions to protecting the citizens of the United States.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, on December 1, 1941, the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded to serve as a supplemental resource assisting the military in protecting the United States citizens and was comprised of volunteer members from each state, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia;

Whereas, the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were put to the test almost immediately when Pearl Harbor was attacked just one week after its inception;

Whereas, in recognition of the success of this program, CAP became an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces by Presidential Executive Order in April 1943 and was later chartered by Congress in 1946 to perform three distinct purposes - emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs;

Whereas, CAP's primary focus has been on search and rescue. Air and ground teams perform approximately eighty-five percent of federal inland search and rescue missions for the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center;

Whereas, CAP has developed digital aerial



reconnaissance technology which enables CAP members to fly over large disaster areas and provide officials on the ground with high resolution digital still photos of the scene within minutes to help evaluate viable response options;

Whereas, in addition, through the cadet program, young people between the ages of 12 and 21, develop leadership skills through a multi-step program which includes aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness, and moral leadership;

Whereas, cadets who complete the program are eligible to apply for scholarships to further their education in areas such as engineering, science and aircraft mechanics;

Whereas, of the more than 53,000 CAP members, approximately 19,000 are members of the cadet program; and

Whereas, as its third directive, CAP provides aerospace education programs, both for members and nonmembers, focusing on stimulating public interest in aerospace activities: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 important role the Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol has held in
3 protecting the safety of United States citizens.

4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges
5 and extends its appreciation for the many contributions of the
6 numerous CAP volunteer members.

7 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
8 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Charlotte Crowe, Major Karen
9 Basham, and Adjutant General George Buskirk.

